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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT TNC WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

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1. WE BELIEVE THAT REGULAR PARTICIPATION OF OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS IN TRADE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE WORKING GROUPS WOULD BE INADVISABLE. THE NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES ARE BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING MANY UNCTAD MEMBERS. WE AGREE WITH THE POSITIONS OF THE DELEGATIONS AND SECRETARIAT EXPRESSED IN PARA 3 OF THE REFTTEL.

2. THE PRESENCE IN WORKING GROUPS OF SUCH OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS, EXCEPT IN SESSIONS ARRANGED SPECIALLY SO THAT A WORKING GROUP IN THE COURSE OF ITS MEETINGS COULD BENEFIT FROM THE OUTSIDERS' EXPERTISE, WOULD PROBABLY ENCUMBER AND POSSIBLY INHIBIT THE TNC NEGOTIATING SESSIONS. FURTHER, WE BELIEVE ANY SUCH PRESENCE OF OUTSIDE GROUPS SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH THE EC AND JAPAN.

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3. THE SWISS REPORT OF ADMISSION OF ISO TO STANDARDS WORK-

ING GROUP IS IN ERROR. IN MARCH 1972 THE STAFF OF THE ISO
AND THE IEC WERE BRIEFED ON THE CODE AND THEY LATER SUB-
MITTED COMMENTS. THEY DID NOT ATTEND WORKING GROUP
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